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HOLIDAY PARTY TIPS FOR HOSTS

"It's the season for holiday festivities, family gatherings and parties. And it's the time of the year when we strive to be the perfect hosts, making sure our guests don't drink and drive.

The New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety offers these tips to ensure your guests arrive home safely:

- Set up a "dry bar" in a prominent area that features non-alcoholic "mocktails" and beverages soft drinks, chilled white grape and other juices, spiced cider, punch, coffee, tea.

- Put the "wet bar" in another location and include light wines and wine coolers and have measuring jiggerons hand for the mixers. Inexpensive one-ounce spoons, placed on the bottles, are convenient and easy to use.

- Use distinctly different glassware at the "dry bar" and "wet bar" to reduce the chance of accidental mix-ups.

- When serving an alcoholic punch, make it with a noncarbonated base, such as juice. The body absorbs alcohol faster if club soda or ginger ale is used in the punch.

- Never force drinks on your guests. They may accept a drink they really don't want, to appear rude. If you know a guest is driving, encourage him or her to visit the "dry bar" and forgo tables rather than the "wet bar."

- Serve protein-rich starch food near your "wet bar." Placing several tables of party food close to the bar will keep guests circulating, conversing, and eating. Attractive party platters will also discourage alcohol consumption as the focus of the party. Avoid serving salty foods that make people thirsty.

- Two hours before the party's conclusion, close your "wet bar" and replace alcoholic drinks with appealing nonalcoholic beverages, cold salads, and desserts. Remove all alcohol from the premises, tables to ensure that no one drinks during the two hours before they leave.

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Santa's first stop was the BUS Shop



Thomas Jones of Piscataway, greeted customers of Black University Supply Shop (BUS Shop) as Santa Claus. His helpers, (l-r) Gulyana Johnson of Scotch Plains, Jessica Franklin of Piscataway and Betty Ann Lewis of Plainfield, assisted him in spreading the holiday spirit.

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Brown,
first black
named to
Cabinet

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—
Democratic National Committee
Chairman Ronald H. Brown has
been chosen by President-elect Bill
Clinton to head the Commerce
Department. Brown is the first
non-white named to the new team.

The selection of Brown follows
the decision of Vice President-elect
Gore to choose a political ally to head
the department, whose chief function is to
promote U.S. business, supervise
international trade and encourage
technological and economic
growth in the nation. It has been a
popular department in which to
place campaign supporters seeking
jobs.

Clinton pledged to make the
department, which he says is
"retooled" and has long been a
backlog in its operations, a "powerful"
in promoting U.S. business at home and abroad. He
said that Brown is someone who
will make it a powerhouse.

Chairman of the DNC since
1989, Brown has had a long career as
a Democratic activist. He spent
11 years at the Urban League, and
worked in the presidential campaign
of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy
(D-Mass.) and as Jeane Ives
Jackson's convention manager in
1988.

Gore has retained his
founding partnership in the Washington
law firm of Patton, Boggs & Blow. His clients have included
Japanese companies such as Toshiba Corp., Sony Corp. and
Samsung Electronics, and domestic
concerns such as Columbia Inc.,
US JVC Corp. and American Express Co.

He also helped represent Haiti
when it was under the dictatorship
of Jean-Claude Duvalier.

Brown's skillful handling of
the Democratic National Convention
and the Democratic primary
competition leading up to the
convention, drew high reviews
from Clinton and his aides. Clinton
said he has not yet made up his
mind about who he wants to replace
Brown at the DNC. His campaign
manager, David Wilhelmi, is
considered a likely choice. Aides
of the president-elect suggest that
Clinton would like to put a senior
campaign aide at the DNC, just as
Bush put his late Lee Atwater at
the helm of the Republican Party
apparatus in 1988.

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Clifford Minor (right) is sworn in as Essex County prosecutor by Gov. Jim Florio. Minor's wife, Carol (center).

Minor earned an Associate of Science degree from Essex County College, a Bachelor of Science degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a Juris Doctorate from Rutgers University School of Law.

Minor submitted Minor's name to the county and state bar associations for their review last summer. The organizations initially rejected the submission, stating Minor lacked trial experience.

Minor will take on the task of running New Jersey's largest and busiest prosecutor's office. He said that the priorities of his administration will be to combat the growing problems of juvenile crime, car theft, overcrowded jails and drugs.

A lifelong resident of Newark, Minor will defend to the community what the "joumey should have to defend itself."

It is the council's fiduciary responsibility as elected representatives to propose a budget," she said. "We are taking care of our fiduciary responsibility by being servants to the tax payers and not servants of the mayor and his administration."

El-Amin did, however, dismiss the suggestion that she and three other council members submitted a budget without the consent of the rest of the council. She explained that the council broke into committees, each of which was to analyze the budget of certain departments.

"Every department came up with number cuts except for Public Affairs and Safety," she said. El-Amin explained that her committee developed cuts for the department, but that the other council members were fully aware of the proposed figures.

"It was not a secret meeting. Everyone had the cuts," she explained. We submitted all numbers to the rest of the council on November 9 and then we all worked the figures together."

El-Amin also said, "The mayor had an opportunity to come before the council to sell his spending plan. He chose not to do that." Instead, according to El-Amin, the mayor submitted his plan in writing.

Mitchell said that the proposal of the council members to eliminate the positions of Directors of Public Affairs and Safety, and Administration and Finance as of March 1993 violates the City's charter. He said that under the charter, it is mandatory that the two positions be a part of the government process.

El-Amin said, "We have not cut the monies from these positions entirely. There is still money there and those officials can work within the constraints of the monies that have been allocated to them."

The council president noted that the Mayor has failed to fill the positions of Corporate Counsel and Tax Collector, positions more important to the welfare of the city than the two affected by the council's budget. She said that the city has been without a corporate counsel and a tax collector since March "and we have not shut down," she said.

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NPCBW submits names for Clinton administration

WASHINGTON—Poised to hold President-elect Clinton to his campaign promise that his administration will reflect the diversity of America, the National Congress of Black Women's (NPCBW) Commission for Presidential Appointment of African-American Women announced as its first round of recommendations of qualified African-American women for appointment to Cabinet, Sub-Cabinet, Agency Heads, Advisory Commission positions and Ambassadors.

"We have been assured by President-elect Clinton that our recommendations will be fully and fairly considered, and that he looks forward to working with our organization," said Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, NPCBW Chair, a former Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a member of the President-elect's National Women's Advisory Commission.

President-elect Bill Clinton agrees that "it is time to make women of color a more integral part of government, and to make government work for women of color in America."

Rounding out political figures included in the first round of nominees were D.C. City Council member, the Honorable Charlotte Drew Jarvis; Maryland State Senator, the Honorable Gloria Lawlah; Baltimore City Council Member, the Honorable Vera Hall; and U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, Ambassador Ruth A. Davis.

Many women were nominated for consideration for appointment to various judicial positions. Names submitted for the United States Su-

preme Court include U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner Dr. Mary Berry, the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Analisa Holmes Norton (D-DC), and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Analisa

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Jones and Williams receive judgeships



Hon. Allison Brown-Jones
Hon. Marilyn Williams
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Eagle Award Recipient Camilla Tahan

"I love people. I take everybody as it is they are in my own, so if I can help anyone do, I said Camilla Tahan, this month's Eagle Award Recipient.

And she does. This 75-year-old wonder thanks God for her spunk and ability to get around. After retiring in 1977 from Saint Joe's Hospital in Paterson, where she resides, Mrs. Tahan dedicated herself to helping senior citizens, people with handicaps and anyone else in need. She is a member of the Mayor's Council on Aging, the Mayor's Council on Handicapped Services, and has received various awards from the police department and former Mayor Frank Graves, Jr., for the community.

Mrs. Tahan is also involved with religious and community organizations such as the Paterson Interfaith Community Organization (PICO), Passaic County Emergency Food Coalition, and the Allepani Charity Society. She is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, but is not very active anymore because of other commitments. She can often be found, however, working with the seniors and handicapped at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, which recently changed its name to Full Gospel.

Mrs. Tahan is the former president, current programmer, of the residents' association in her building, Maurice J. Brick Senior Citizens Housing. Mrs. Tahan has lived at Maurice Brick since it opened and is proud to announce plans its the 15th anniversary celebration next April.

Mrs. Tahan is also very inter-



Camilla Tahan

ested in the development of Paterson youth. As the president of the South Paterson Neighborhood Association, she helps to develop programs to keep young people off the street. The organization sponsors programs such as summer arts and crafts and community service.

"It really hurts me to see the children affected by all the drugs and murders that go on today. I want to save our kids," she said.

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Tahan moved to Paterson in 1941. A graduate of Mercy School of Nursing, she became a nurse because her desire to "help people." Mrs. Tahan began her career in private duty for the Passaic County registry. She began working at Saint Joe's in 1943. She has three children and six grandchildren.

City News salutes Camilla Tahan for her benevolence.

Honoring those who dare to soar with Eagles

Jones and Williams receive prominent judgeships in Newark

NEWARK—To succeed Clifford J. Minor—recently sworn in as Essex County prosecutor—as Newark's presiding judge, Mayor Sharpe James named Allison Brown-Jones to head the municipal bench.

Prior to being named to the Newark Municipal Court in 1988, Jones spent six years as an assistance corporation counsel in Newark's public defender's office. With the department, she was section chief for all labor contracts negotiated by the City and handled all disciplinary hearings for municipal agencies.

As presiding judge, besides administering the Central Judicial Processing Court, Jones will oversee the daily activities of six full-time Municipal Court Judges, four acting judges, the court administrator and over 100 court employees.

Jones is a graduate of Jersey City State College and Rutgers University School of Law, and is a member of both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

To fill the vacancy on the Newark Municipal Court, James has

named Marilyn E. Williams, who has been an attorney in the City's law department since 1986. Her confirmation will bring the number of women sitting on the municipal bench, to three, or 50 percent of the full-time jurists—the largest number in the City's history.

Williams, who has practiced in Newark, has represented the City in various municipal appeals and civil litigation matters before the Superior Court. She has also represented and served as legal adviser to numerous city departments, agencies and boards. She holds a bachelor's degree from Monmouth State College and a juris doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law.

Williams is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, Garden State Bar Association, Association of Black Women Lawyers and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International.

Both of the mayor's appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Photo credit: William Ramos, City of Newark

Van sought for Dudley House

PLAINFIELD—Recently, clients of Dudley House, a therapeutic halfway house that serves alcoholic and drug-addicted men, went on a fishing trip in the Dudley House van. On their return trip, the engine of the 15-passenger van caught on fire. No one was hurt, but the van was destroyed.

Dudley House is a service of Project Alert, an organization dedicated to assisting in recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction. Project Alert, has been under the sponsorship of the City of Plainfield since 1972. The majority (90%) of the funding for the project and its services, however, comes from outside grants.

"Funding covers treatment, but it doesn't cover a van. We don't have any money for a van," said Carol Anderson, director of Project Alert.

Project Alert is seeking a van for Dudley House.

Clients of Dudley House are employable, male residents of Union and Middlesex Counties who are aged 18 to 65 and have a primary addiction to alcohol. Referrals to Dudley House are accepted from alcoholism/drug treatment agency staff, and acceptance is based on an in-house interview—priority is given to Plainfield residents.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

"Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I read your column religiously and now need your advice. I am a 40-year-old professional woman, who is attractive and happy, except that I am madly, uncontrollably in love with someone with whom I once worked. Once I harbored feelings and now I have lost them. I am beginning to think I am in love again. I cried, prayed and done everything I could to forget him, but I cannot. I think about him every day and have dreamed about him every night for several years. He is nice, kind, intelligent and very knowledgeable. He has never said anything to me, except professionally. I do not have the nerve to tell him how I feel about him. What should I do? Please print my letter in its entirety."

Signed, Tortured in Chicago, IL

Editor's Note: No name or address was included with this letter. Although the veracity of this letter is questionable, the problem mentioned in it is common enough to be shared with you.

Dear Tortured:

Your problem is not uncommon. Many

Madly in love

men and women develop life-long "crushes" on members of the opposite sex. These feelings of enchantment often lead to unhappiness and long-term loneliness. They are much like the feelings that some teenagers have relative to movie stars and television personalities. To love someone without being certain that that individual loves you is a risky business. Imagine what would happen if we fell in love with everyone whose looks or behavior appealed to us. Your life would be a roller-coaster ride, you would at some point run off track and land you in the psychiatric ward of some hospital.

The most revealing point in your letter is that you have had these feelings for years. Your case is sounding more and more like infatuation. The time passed long ago when you should have become more realistic, and when you should have determined if you are expressing the highest degree of reasonableness and maturity in staying with what might be a hopeless situation. At some point, you are going to have to confront the possibility (or probability) that there is no potential for you in this situation.

You said that you lack the motivation to express your feelings to this gentleman. Maybe, that is the surest way to determine if his feel-

ings for you are identical to yours. Your letter describes him as "nice, kind, handsome, intelligent and very knowledgeable." This description indicates qualities that are vague, superficial and hardly those that might sustain a relationship for any reasonable period of time. Aren't there quite a few men around with similar qualities? And, aren't some of these men locked away in penal institutions? Since he has failed to stay in you in only a professional manner, this might be the way that he wants it to be.

You might need a competent professional to show you how to cope with your own emotional needs and confront the reality of the world in which we live. As a pairing shot, invite him to lunch, or get a mutual friend to intercede. Finally, look around you. That gentleman whom you walk pass each day, without speaking, may feel the same way about you that you feel about your long-term "love."

Correspondence can be mailed to Dr. Charles W. Faulkner in care of City News, at Post Office Box 1774, Plainfield, New Jersey 07061.

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Lucille R. Dobbins;

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

The following is a weekly summary of top national news events affecting the African-American community compiled by the National Black News Survey (NBS).

Somali 'Warlords' may determine country's future: Despite attempts to dismiss them as no more than power-hungry warlords, the four major clan leaders in Somalia may play a more decisive role in the country's future than the current U.S. invasion forces. With the U.S. expected to complete its humanitarian mission within two months, the clan leaders appear to be taking advantage of the respite from nearly two years of fighting to plan or plot the future of the famine-stricken east African nation. There are four principle combatants in the Somali civil war. The two most powerful are interim president Ali Mahdi Mohamed and Mohammed Farah Aideed—both of the Hamed oo clan. The two others are the overthrow of former dictator Siad Barre in January 1991. But they became arch-rivals when Aideed objected to Ali Mahdi being named interim president. The two lesser leaders are both of the Darod clan. One, Colonel Isse, is thought to be allied with Aideed while the other, General Mohamed Farrah, is seen as backdooring the government in neighboring Kenya. With thousands of armed men and boys under their loose control, these will most likely be the men who determine Somalia's future when the U.S. troops leave within the next three months.

—MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

Two jurors say Mike Tyson should get new trial: At least two of the jurors who found former heavyweight boxing champion guilty of raping 18-year-old Desirée Washington now say Tyson should get a new trial. Jurors Dave Vahle and Rose Pride last week told a Philadelphia radio station that they believe no harm befell Washington in the ring. And both said they were writing letters to the Indiana Court of Appeals urging that Tyson be given a new trial. Vahle and Pride indicated their minds were changed by revelations that Washington had discussed big money, book and film deals with lawyers before the trial. Tyson's legal team argued that Washington's undisclosed plans gave her reason to lie on the witness stand. The two jurors shared their feelings with WHAT-A-TRAIL talk-show host Ted Wistley. —PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Mandela condemns new wave of attacks on South African whites: African National Congress President Nelson Mandela has forcefully condemned a new series of attacks on whites in South Africa. According to the black leader, "It is unacceptable that innocent civilians should be killed for any reason." Within the last three weeks at least 10 whites have been killed and at least 25 injured as the result of racial violence, mostly by a gang planted at a white restaurant. The violence has prompted fears among whites that if the black majority takes power in South Africa, many blacks may seek revenge for decades of mistreatment by the white minority. South Africa has approximately 5 million whites, 35 million blacks. The latest attack was carried out by the militant Azanian People's Liberation Army which says it has declared war on whites. —JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Trouble dogs first black woman senator: The first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Senate has been hit with yet another scandal. Two campaign workers have told the Chicago Sun-Times they were sexually harassed by Carol Moseley Braun's campaign manager, Kgosie Matthews. But Braun says the workers never told her about any harassment. She has denied other probe of sexual harassment charges against Matthews found no wrongdoing. Braun was also caught up in charges involving the misuse of state funds to benefit her mother. During the campaign she agreed to repay any excess money received by her mother. —CHICAGO, IL

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By Larry A. Still

Before William Jefferson Clinton takes the oath of office as the 42nd United States President January 20th, he will attend official inaugural Prayer Services at the his-

toric Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in downtown Washington, D.C., about five blocks from the White House.

Known as the "National Cathedral" of African Methodism, the church was founded by members of the "Underground Railroad," where

slaves escaped to freedom, explains Rev. William P. DeVeaux, the eloquent current pastor, who was personally contacted by inaugural committee officials in early December to arrange for an ecumenical service.

President-elect Clinton was reared as a Baptist and his wife,

Hillary, is a Methodist, but the new chief executive attended religious services at several denominations in Little Rock, Ark., while serving as governor for twelve years.

"I understand he wanted the services at a black church and he is familiar with our denomination

through Bethel AME church in the state capital," Rev. DeVeaux said.

Although plans are still being completed, transition Committee Chairman Vernon Jordan and long-time Clinton supporter Ernest Green are active in Metropolitan church mem-

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Toy safety isn't just for kids

By Emma Byrne

Toy safety isn't just for kids. It's for parents, grandparents, anyone who purchases a toy for a child.

Each year a team of investigators from state county, and local consumer affairs offices make spot checks of store shelves throughout the state for toys that have been recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Most of these toys have small parts that could break off, posing a choking hazard if a young child or baby were to swallow it. Most of the toys on the CPSC's list look harmless enough—a stuffed animal with a pretty pink bow, a handy plastic chain that makes a pacifier into a necklace, a bright green plastic rattle.

But that rabbit's plastic eye could choke a child, and its ribbon, longer than the 12 inches recommended for children 3 and under, could strangle a child. That hard plastic chain could do the same thing. And the rattle could break apart into small, deadly parts.

Luckily, it seems that manufacturers and retailers are aware of the importance of toy safety. In 1990, investi-

gators found 107 recalled toys still on the shelves. In 1991, they found just 10 toys, all in one store in South Jersey, out of 250 stores inspected.

Inspectors can't buy every toy in the store; that's why it's important for shoppers to check toys carefully before they buy.

Under a new state law signed last year by Governor Florio, stores that sell toys are required by law to post the CPSC's recall notices for 120 days. Another measure that the governor signed last year requires doctors to report toy-related deaths and injuries in New Jersey to Consumer Affairs.

Here's how to buy safe toys for children 3 and younger:

• Check labels carefully for possible hazards.

• Look for age recommendations.

• Teach older children to keep their toys away from the little ones.

• Make sure strings and ribbons are less than 12 inches long.

• Don't give children under 8 toys with sharp points.

To report an unsafe toy, call the CPSC's toll-free hotline at 1-800-338-2772. TTY for the hearing impaired is 1-800-638-8270.

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Merry Christmas

This Christmas finds many Americans still reeling and struggling as a result of the national recession. Likewise, many Americans are faced with family homelessness. On reflection, it is easy to get lost in the problems that confront us, and to lose sight of the future we are responsible for creating.

Throughout our communities there is a need to summit over strategies for redevelopment, the utilization of human capital, the improved education of our children, and community building.

Now is a time for "REAL" leadership—not what the Ole Folk used to call, "Handkerchief Head Leaders," caught up in their own need for power and prestige, criticizing each other, biting each other in the back, and getting absolutely nothing accomplished for their community.

Most of these type of leaders know what they are doing. However, they rationalize the needs as necessary to prevent someone else from doing the same thing.

You can readily identify these type of road blocks to progress in any community. They are the men and women who refer to themselves as leaders. They are always preventing, but never proposing, implementing, or planning. For real improvement to occur, these type of leaders need to know that the "game" is up and the community is taking account.

Our communities need leaders who can visualize year 2000 leadership—Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, W. E. B. Dubois, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Ronald Brown leadership. Just as Americans have backed the intervention of U.S. troops in Somalia to feed the millions of people who are starving, Americans need to see President-elect Clinton initiate a campaign to rebuild our cities and create jobs that will enable people of the cities to reinvest in their own communities.

Give the precious gift of life! ...letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

The following is an open letter to community residents:

When you begin to think of the holiday season and make lists of gifts to buy, do you consider giving a very precious gift to someone you don't know?

There are many joys during this time of year, but for victims of accidents, cancer patients, and thousands of children and adults in hospitals, the season could mean disaster. Why? Because the blood supply is at a holiday. Supplies often fall critically low during the end of December and beginning of January. Blood must be donated every day of the year to meet patient needs.

1992 has been a particularly difficult year for blood collections both statewide and nationally. The recession which has caused businesses to either close completely or downsize dramatically has deeply affected blood donations at corporations, both large and small. The North Jersey Blood Center generally collects over 50% of blood from voluntary donors at corporations.

Other factors have increased the difficulty of collecting adequate blood supplies. Decreased enrollment in high schools has led to an 8% decrease in donations this year. More rigorous screening necessary

to ensure the safety of the blood has increased the number of people ineligible to donate. Fees, splashy and low morale have created lower than expected numbers at many blood drives, including corporate, religious, civic, and community drives.

These discouraging statistics make it necessary for us to make this appeal to the community: Please come out to donate blood this holiday season. Get a group of neighbors and friends together, or ask a few of your co-workers to join you. You never know who among your children (17-year-olds are eligible) to help others. Call us at 1-800-433-6522, ext. 140 to find one of our conveniently located mobile units or schedule a visit to either of our Centers in East Orange and Parsippany. Feel good about yourself...do it for your community, your family, or most importantly, for the person whose life you will save.

Remember that donating blood is completely safe. All materials, including needles, are sterile, used once, and safely destroyed.

Call today. A pint of blood will be the most generous gift you give this year. Thank you.

Robert D. Rowan
President and CEO
North Jersey Blood Center

Quote of the Week

"Stop wasting your money! Your money was not given to you, so why should you give it away for what you can do without? We could save millions of dollars for education, land, machines, cattle, homes and factories. How can we begin? Stop spending money for tobacco, dope, cigarettes, whiskey, fine clothes and automobiles, expensive rugs and carpets, idleness, sport and gambling. Stop living on credit and loans. We must build a better future for ourselves and our children."

—Elijah Muhammad, founder of the Nation of Islam



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By Connie Woodruff

As I See It...

political trial to make things happen — for himself.

Watson has already announced his candidacy for the State Senate in Mercer and will rely heavily on his well entrenched Assembly District in the Trenton area.

It has been rumored that Watson would retire but running for a higher legislative seat is hardly the kind of retirement his enemies were thinking about.

Now the question is who will oust John's Assembly seat? Our guess is one of two very capable, experienced people. His son, Bill Watson, an aide to Trenton mayor Doug Palmer, or daughter Bonnie, currently an assistant commissioner in the Department of Community Affairs.

That's what you call being prepared to take on the really big one when opportunity knocks.

Mercer County Assemblyman John Watson isn't waiting for opportunity to knock. He's on the

prexy Bobbie Conle with a comfortable margin of victory and was joined by an unopposed slate of old timers and newcomers who will be installed with her any week now.

Essex County Prosecutor Clifford Minor had to feel good when he was sworn in last week. Wall-to-wall spectators crowded into the Essex County College gymnasium to cheer the new prosecutor because he's "another Newark guy who made good."

Later, a private party for Minor and most of his buddies from the police department where he got his start in public life saluted his newest achievement at Rhubarb's, the newest downtown supper club.

Essex County Warden Gigi Fouche is walking with a cane to relieve pressure on a sprained ankle she hurt in a fall in the jail complex and not because some wild eyed inmate attacked her as some folks have been suggesting.

The State Senate passed a bill prohibiting legislators from holding two elected offices and now the bill goes to the Assembly.

It's understandable that legislators who hold elected state, county and municipal offices are fighting the same race too often. Who would want to be a two-time legislator? It becomes a life for some officials and it didn't just start, so what's the big deal here?

The real question is when the bill (that grandfathers present office holders in) goes to the Assembly, how strong will the opposition be? If the Assembly O.K.'s the measure, then it's up to the Governor to sign it into law or affix his veto. So which way will Florio go, especially since he's facing his own re-election (continued on page 10)

Malcolm's mentor

By William Reed

"Stop wasting your money! Your money was not given to you, so why should you give it away for what you can do without?" We could save millions of dollars for education, land, machines, cattle, homes and factories. How can we begin? Stop spending money for tobacco, dope, cigarettes, whiskey, fine clothes and automobiles, expensive rugs and carpets, idleness, sport and gambling. Stop living on credit and loans. We must build a better future for ourselves and our children."

With these comments, made in the early 1940s, Elijah Muhammad fueled the spiritual and economic discipline of thousands of Black Muslims toward a self-sufficiency empire that was firmly in place by the time Malcolm Little joined the organization in the late 1950s.

With the mass-market success of the "Malcolm X" movie, young African-Americans

may think that they now know a strong and powerful black man. But it was not Malcolm, his mentor, that constructed the last great unity and financial thrust that Black America has known. Malcolm's own words describe the range and scope of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. "He was the first man whom I had ever feared—not fear such as of a man with a gun, but fear such as one has of the unknown." The Honorable Elijah Muhammad was born as a poor scavenger's son in 1897 near Sandersville, Georgia.

Elijah Muhammad was the force that built the foundation that propelled Malcolm X to national prominence. Elijah Muhammad was the one with the original "I have a dream" concept. His dream was for economic independence for blacks, and he taught Black Muslim members the processes of spiritual and economic discipline to help them realize his dream. As early as 1937, under the tutelage of Elijah Muhammad, the majority of Black Muslim businesses were off the financials of other blacks, making a fertile place for people to

realize the truth of Malcolm's speeches.

It was not Malcolm X, but his mentor that gave so many blacks reason to join the Black Muslims. Under the direction of Elijah Muhammad, the small business efforts of Black Muslims expanded throughout the 1940s and 50s. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad taught his followers that "they should own their own land and businesses." And it was pre-Malcolm that started the grocery store supermarket, gas stations, apartment buildings, service stations, processing plants, farms, orchards, clothing stores, cleaning establishments, restaurants, bakeries and service shops. In the 1950s, the combined wealth of Black Muslim enterprises was over \$10 million. By 1960, the Nation owned \$500,000 or one-half million dollars' worth of real estate in Chicago alone.

Malcolm's mentor showed the Black Muslims how to acquire 10,000 acres of farms and orchards in Michigan, Alabama and Georgia. The "dream" realized for Elijah Muhammad was tons of meat, eggs, produce, and other items produced, transported and distributed weekly, for and by blacks in the maximum example of a "self-sufficiency" model. Malcolm's mentor taught blacks how to have their own education and economic systems. Malcolm's mentor gave Malcolm, and thousands of others, a strong sense of personal identity.

As Black America watches the movie that they believe could have been had Malcolm lived, we would be wise to note the foundations of Malcolm's mentor's teachings, and see what actually was.

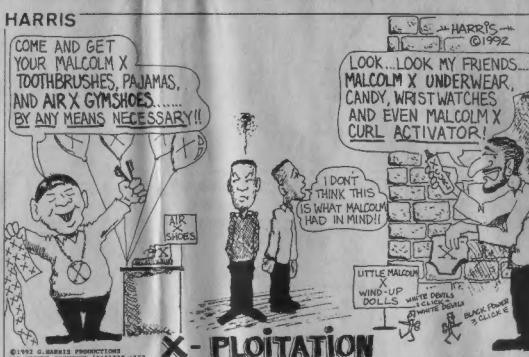
1) Recognize the necessity for unity and group operation (activities)

2) Pool resources, physically as well as financially

3) Stop criticism of things black-owned and/or operated

4) Keep in mind jealousy destroys from within

5) Observe the operations of the white man. He is successful. He makes no excuses for his failures. He works hard in a collective manner. You can do the same.



Is violence a health problem?

Commentary by Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.

little today about the many factors which might explain our high level of violence in America.

2) Identify the factors which put individual at risk. As we understand more about the causes of violence, we should be able to pinpoint specific factors which put an individual at risk of being either a victim or a perpetrator of violence.

Over the past decade, community leaders and public health agencies have increasingly been asking these questions. And their answer today is—yes, we should try applying public health approaches to help prevent violence—but, we must acknowledge that all such efforts involve community partnership. Indeed, community initiative and leadership are the keys to success for any violence prevention effort.

What do I mean by public health techniques to help prevent violence? I mean a step-by-step approach, the classic method that is used to confront other widespread health problems.

3) Study the problem scientifically and in detail to understand it better. Who is most affected by violence? When, where, and why does it occur? In truth, we know

and the need. Some examples include:

* Mentoring—providing on-

one-on-one contact between model adults and young people at risk of

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CELEBRATING KWANZAA

KWANZAA CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

NEWARK—A coalition of community-based organizations are hosting the second annual Kwanzaa Unity Festival at St. Rocco's School, 21 Ashland Street, from 1-8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more details call Yvonne Ismail, 201-623-7383, or Gladys McMillian, 201-390-2684.

JERSEY CITY—Kwanzaa Festival hosted by Brother Sister United Together from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Boys Club, 1 Canal Street. Cultural gifts and a variety of tasty home-made goods will be sold. An African Fashion Show featuring modeling and entertainment by the Kwanzaa King, as well as a writing contest for children, ages 7 to 15, entitled "What Kwanzaa Means To Me," \$5 registration fee.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

NEWARK—Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral (TSPC) presents a "Festival of Lessons, Carols and Kwanzaa," at 4 p.m. in the TSPC sanctuary, 608 Broad Street. For more info, contact the Cathedral Office weekdays, 1-4:30 p.m. at 201-622-3505.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

NEWARK—Dr. Maulana Karenga will speak at the 2nd Annual Kwanzaa celebration of the New Jersey Black Issues Convention at the Terrace Room of Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for youth. For more info call 201-733-6427 or 201-624-7463.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

PLAINFIELD — The Langston Hughes Lecture Series of the Plainfield Public Library presents its "Five Days of Kwanzaa" program at the library, 8th Street at Park Avenue, from 7-9 p.m. For more info contact Karen Thoburn, Director of the library, at 908-757-1111.

KWANZAA, a word from the East African language of Swahili which means "first fruits of the harvest," was historically a celebration in honor of the harvest of the first fruits and vegetables. Each tribe, or community, in Africa would get together to sing, dance, eat and drink to celebrate the harvest of the first fruits and vegetables. They would bring food they grew, or things they made, to give to the feast. It was a fun time of year.

In present-day America, families celebrate Kwanzaa to reflect on the past year's events, to map the future, and to participate in cultural awareness activities. Everyone contributes foods and gifts to the celebration.

Kwanzaa has become a forum for African-derived cultures to explore their cultural roots. Celebrated in December, Kwanzaa encompasses seven principles and nine symbols. During the holiday, family members discuss the meaning of each principle, and light a candle in the Kinara, which is one of the traditional symbols of Kwanzaa.



SEVEN PRINCIPLES



5. NIA

(Ni-a)
Purpose

To always remember our ancestors and the struggles they went through to make a better world for us. To work with my brothers and sisters to make a better life for our people.

1. UMOJA

(U-mo-ja)
Unity

To work for togetherness in my family, my community in which we live, our nation and with others.

2. KUJICHAGULIA

(Ku-ji-cha-gu-lia)
Self-determination

To believe in myself, to be strong in mind and body, and to do things that will not destroy us, but will strengthen us in life.

3. UJIMA

(U-j-i-ma)

Collective Work
and Responsibility

To work together with my brothers and sisters, side by side. To do my share of the work and help my brothers and sisters do their part.

4. UJAMMA

(U-jam-ma)

Cooperative Economics

To prepare myself in school to create our own businesses and jobs. To build a better community for my family and others.

6. KUUMBA

(Kuum-ba)
Creativity

To use my imagination and artistic talents to make our environment a more beautiful place.

2. MKEKA

(M-Ke-Ka)

Mat

The Mkeka represents our foundation.

3. KIKOMBE CHA

UMOJA

(Ki-Kom-be Cha U-mo-ja)

Unity Cup

A symbol of unity used by everyone taking part in the Kwanzaa celebration.

4. MISHUMMA

SABA

(Mi-shum-ma Sa-ba)

The Seven Candles

The candles represent the Nguzo Saba (the seven principles of Kwanzaa). One candle is lit each day of the celebration.

1. KINARA

(Ki-nara)

Candleholder

The symbol of our ancestors.

5. MAZAO

(Ma-zao)

Fruits and Vegetables

The mazao is a symbol of how we work together.

SYMBOLS OF KWANZAA

There are seven basic symbols and two optional symbols of Kwanzaa:

6. VIBUNZI

(Vi-bun-zu)

Ears of Corn
The Vibunzi represents children.

7. ZAWADI

(Za-wa-di)

Gifts

Gifts are given as a reward for work well done.

8. NGUZO SABA

(N-gu-zo Sa-ba)

The Seven Principles
A set of beliefs which Kwanzaa is based on.

7. IMANI

(I-mani)

Faith

To believe in God my creator, my parents and all my family, teachers, leaders and the goodness and victory of our struggle.

9. BENDER YA

TAIFA

(Bend-der ya Ta-if-a)

The Red, Black and Green Flag

The flag was used by a great black leader, Marcus Garvey. Red is for the blood of African people; Black is for the face of African people; Green is for hope and Africa.

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Religious Calendar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

NORTH PLAINFIELD — Holy Cross Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Grove and Mercer Streets, will host a candlelight Christmas Eve service and blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. People of all faiths are asked to give the "gift of life." For more info or to make an appointment to donate call Terry at 908-756-6414 or 908-494-1117.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

NEWARK — The Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee will hold a holiday tour of Newark churches. The tour will leave from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at the corner of Washington St. and Central Ave., at 1 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$10 non-members. Reservations are made by sending a check to the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee, PO Box 1066, Newark, NJ 07101.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

PLAINFIELD — Sister Yancey, in association with the Strand Theatre, presents "Chimes Unto God: Music Outreach Experience for '93" at the New Strand Theatre, 207 East Front Street, the show, starring Judge Faith Fellowship Outreach Ministry of Edison, Faith Temple Mass Choir of Elizabeth, and Restoration Tabernacle Mass Choir. S. Plainfield, will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For more info or tickets call 908-753-9174, 908-815-2873 or 908-561-9586.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

DUNELLEN — Dunellen Methodist Church will host a Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 150 Dunellen Avenue.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

SECAUCUS — The Jersey City branch of the NAACP presents its 12th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast at the Sheraton Meadowlands, at 8:45 a.m. Rev. Dr. James Watley, pastor of the St. James AME Church in Newark, will present "Reach Out and Touch." For more info call 201-333-3697.

'Medical Mystery Uncovered'

Piscataway woman unveils truths of Sarcoidosis

PISCATAWAY — After Sandra Conroy was forced to leave her administrative position on Wall Street because of an increasing weakness in her arms and legs, she was dismayed by the fact that doctors could not answer her questions about the condition she had.

In 1984, at the age of 38, Conroy was diagnosed with sarcoidosis (pronounced sar-coy-dosis).

Sarcoidosis is not a household name, even though it has been around for more than a hundred years. It is a rare, chronic disease that has been mistaken for multiple sclerosis and other auto-immune diseases due to

some common symptoms. It often affects the lungs, skin and eyes, but it can infect almost any organ or tissue in the body.

However, sarcoidosis has its own idiosyncratic symptoms.

The key symptom that differentiates this disease from the others is the formation of small inflamed nodules, called granulomas, that are sometimes misdiagnosed as cancerous tumors. The granulomas can produce arthritic joints, enlarged spleens and livers, cause skin rashes and can even be fatal.

Although there is no known cause or cure for this disabling disease, the ability to diagnose sarcoidosis will enable treatment. It

has been difficult to diagnose the disease because of the confusing symptoms and lack of awareness of the rare disease. Government and health officials are even unaware of the number of people afflicted with the disease.

"I wanted to make a difference," said Conroy.

Struggling with the complications of sarcoidosis herself, the Pis-

cataway resident spent years learning about her disease. Her extensive research led to the development of a book, "Sarcoidosis, Medical Mystery Uncovered," which includes medical terms, charts, a directory for self-help groups and names of sarcoidosis-expert physicians from almost every state.

"There is a lot of misinformation out there concerning this

disease," Conroy said. "This book will help not only people (afflicted) with the disease, but physicians and research technicians as well." The American Lung Association uses Conroy's book as its main resource on the disease.

In order to help other sarcoid patients, Conroy has also developed a Resource Guide and Directory.

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Sandra Conroy

New and gently used toys and clothes wanted

NEWARK — Newark Emergency Services for Families (NESF), a service agency assisting individuals and families during economic and social crisis, is seeking new and "gently" used toys and clothes for distribution to needy children.

Donations collected by NESF will be distributed among the children who come to the NESF main office and their Ujima - Homeless Hotel Support Services outreach program. Presently, the toy drive has received support from the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training (MOET), the Children in Need of Donations from Their C.I.N.D.Y. Foundation at PSE&G, and from WBGO's annual toy drive.

Donated toys can be left at NESF, 303 Washington Street, 5th floor, Monday-Friday, 9-5 p.m., or the Ujima site at 430 Broad Street, Monday-Thursday, noon-8 p.m. Donations are asked to make contribution by Tuesday, December 22. For directions or more information, call NESF at 201-643-5727 or Ujima at 201-624-0115 during the hours mentioned.

Wanted: volunteer 'Poverty Fighters'

NEWARK — F.I.C.L., Inc., a non-profit Christian organization, announces its program, to benefit North Newark, Hudson County and neighboring communities, "Poverty Fighter," created help families and individuals in need.

F.I.C.L. is also starting a very important program to benefit chil-

dren and teenagers. One of the goals of the program is to boost a strong campaign against drugs and child abuse.

The organization firmly believes that when help is brought to the needy, such help must be accompanied by proper training to prepare each family or individual to support

themselves and to turn them into valuable members of their communities.

Voluntary workers (medical doctors, nurses, teachers, lawyers, Christian ministers and laypersons, financial consultants, etc.) are needed for the North Newark and the Hudson County areas.

Financial support is also needed from individuals, local businesses, private institutions and local and state governments. Contributions are tax deductible. The organization's financial records will always be available to supporters upon request.

F.I.C.L., Inc. says, "We work together for a better New Jersey, a better America and a better world. Join us and you won't be disappointed."

Anyone wanting to benefit from the services offered by F.I.C.L. call 201-483-0411 or 201-955-9354 to make an appointment. To request more information call or write to: F.I.C.L., Inc., P.O. Box 390, West New York, NJ 07093.

Public education booklet on African-American adoption

NEW YORK — Spence-Chapin Services — an 80-year-old, non-for-profit adoption agency which has been in the forefront of African-American adoption — announces the publication of a public education booklet on African-American Infant Adoption.

The booklet will serve as a resource for African-American couples and single adults who are exploring the idea of adopting a baby. Using a question and answer format, the booklet addresses many of the questions raised by prospective adoptive parents. Many of the topics covered apply to all adoptions regardless of the age of the child and ethnicity of the family.

A copy of the booklet can be obtained free of charge by writing Spence-Chapin Services at 6 East 94th Street, New York, NY 10128; or calling them at 212-369-0300.

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CITY LIFE

Who stole the soul?

Whites as hip-hop music commentators

By Todd Burroughs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Amiri Baraka, the internationally acclaimed writer-poet-activist-playwright, wrote the following about jazz criticism in the "Jazz and the White Critic" chapter of his 1968 book "Black Music":

"Most jazz critics have been white Americans, but most important jazz musicians have not been."

Unfortunately, the same can now be said of hip-hop music, otherwise known by the white media as "rap music."

There is a continuing battle among whites over who is more qualified to comment on what relates to market, interpret and put into history the Black hip-hop experience. If we do not get involved—and quickly—hip-hop music criticism will suffer the same fate as

jazz.

The multi-talented Quincy Jones and his business partners at Time Warner Communications have started a new hip-hop culture magazine called "Vibe." It is intended to rival "The Source," which itself is as "The Magazine for Hip-Hop Music, Culture and Politics."

What's the problem with that? Well, the editor of "Vibe," Jonathan Van Meter, is white—and gay. The founders of "The Source" are also white—Black and Harvard graduates. "Source" Editor-in-Chief Jon Shecter said in a recent "Washington Post" article on "Vibe" that he and his rival "have a sense of coming from a tradition of the hip-hop experience. Van Meter responded with this: "I feel that I take more (expletive) for being gay than he does for being a wannabe....I think I am closer to the aesthetic of rap

than is, because I'm lower class, big family, grew up on the edge of a Black neighborhood, went to a (lousy) high school, you know....I mean, I feel, in some fundamental way, that I qualify as a Black man—if we're going to talk about that—that Jon Shecter is."

And this, mind you, is about a battle over definition control that was born in the streets of urban Black America, that epitomizes Black masculinity and promotes an Afrocentric thought perspective independent from the filter of whites!

Many reading this column may wonder why Black America should care. They would argue that much of hip-hop is violent, vulgar and sexist, to say the least.

That is true. But so is this: Hip-hop music, like it or not, is a powerful communication medium for those who feel

dispossessed and left out of the rest of America. It has energized and politicized a generation of African-American youth, exposing them to their culture, history and leadership. And Michael Jackson X as a political and social icon is due to the hip-hop artist's use of his recorded statements in their music. There are many positives to this music, if you would only listen. If you don't believe me, find the hip-hop group Arrested Development in your local music store!

Suggestions to elementary and high school teachers and community youth center leaders: Study hip-hop music for yourself. Have your classes write about the genre. Have them review albums. Let them write about what the music means to them as African-Americans. Teach them the history of African and African-American music. Create a "Black Music wire



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Service" (make up a name) as a classroom project. Send the articles to the "wire service" to your local Black newspaper.

If this is done, music and popular culture historians—many of whom are hopefully like Melvyn Nelson or Michael Gonzalez, who wrote the book "Bring the Noise: A Guide to Rap Music and Hip-Hop Culture," (Random House) will be

Black—will have other sources on hip-hop music and African-Americans than either "The Source" or "Vibe." This way, we may lose the (circulation) battle but will win the (historical) war.

Todd Burroughs is the recipient of the 1992-1993 Public Affairs Reporting Fellowship at the University of Maryland at College Park.

African heritage recognized throughout January



Leslie Uggams as Kizzy and Sandy Duncan as Missy Anne in "Roots" airing on The Family Channel.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. — The Family Channel will pay tribute to the culture and heritage of African Americans throughout the month of January.

The tribute begins, appropriately, on January 17 with the powerful story of "King," the biographical mini-series of civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. Written and directed by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Abby Mann, the series, which will run from noon to 6 p.m., powerfully traces each decisive event of the civil rights movement.

One of the largest casts in the history of television drama was assembled for the making of "King." Paul Winfield stars as King; Cicely Tyson portrays Coretta Scott King; and Ossie Davis plays the role of Martin Luther King, Sr. From Birmingham, Ala., to the triumphant march to the Lincoln Memorial, to the horror of his assassination, the drama covers the span of Martin Luther King's life.

The tribute continues on January 21 at 9 p.m. when "A Blues Session: B.B. King and Friends" airs.

Joining B.B. King are Eric Clapton, Phil Collins, Elton John, Gladys Knight, Chaka Khan, Albert King, Billy Ocean, the late Stevie Ray Vaughan and the late Paul Butterfield. The concert, which aired in 1987 in the Ebony Showtime Theater in Los Angeles, had previously aired on CBS.

It's sunny, it's sooty, it's electric, it's blues. The one-hour show brings top talent together to salute one of America's originals, the blues.

Closing out the month, the Family Channel will air one of the most compelling human sagas in television history—"Roots." Beginning at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 25, the highest-rated miniseries of all time will last through Saturday, January 30. The series will repeat nightly at 11 p.m. on these dates.

This scheduling of "Roots" is a tribute to the late author Alex Haley. The re-airing of the miniseries the last week in January is just days shy of the anniversary of Haley's death last February 9.

The series stars include LeVar Burton as Kunta Kinte, Cicely Tyson as Binta, Louis Gossett Jr. as Fiddler, Ben Vereen as Chicken George, Edward Asner as Captain Davies and Lloyd Bridges as Evan Brent.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

PLAINFIELD — New Year's Eve Bash sponsored by the Community Oriented Fire Fighters for Eminent Equality COFFEE AT Grant Avenue Community Center.

Sober drivers
(continued from page 1)

■ Pay attention to how much alcohol your guests consume. You are responsible if any of your guests are involved in an alcohol-related traffic accident. Provide an alternate way home or invite anyone who appears intoxicated to spend the night. Call a cab, ask a sober guest to drive him/her home, or call AAA or your town's Safe Town.

■ Encourage your party guests to convince an intoxicated guest not to drive. If necessary, take his car keys away. Emphasize how much you care for his or her safety and that you're not trying to embarrass him or her.

■ To persuade a stubborn guest that he or she must be driven home, remind the guest how important he or she is to you and that you're legally responsible. Be persistent! Hurt friendships can be reconciled, but only if your guest is healthy and alive!

■ And, remind your guests, "Sober drivers are the life of the party!"

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LEGAL NOTICE

In Re: Michael Rondinone

vs.

N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles

1987 Mercury, 4DR

VIN# 2MEJB2K47RKH50359

Superior Court, Hudson County Docket No. L-2000-92

Plaintiff has noticed that the above established

9:00 A.M. Jan. 8, 1993 as the return date of hearing for

an Order to Show Cause, sought by Michael Rondinone,

Petitioner, wherein he seeks an Order directing the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles to issue Certificate of Title in his name.

Objections and comments on this application, or review of the file, can be arranged through the Clerk, Hudson County Superior Court, Law Division, 583 Newark Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07306, or Petitioner's representative below.

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427 Jersey Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07306

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In Re: Louis Fizzaroni

vs.

N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles

1988 Dodge, 4DR

VIN# VNB123456789012345678

Superior Court, Hudson County Docket No. L-2000-92

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

NEWARK — The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present The Uptown String Quartet, a program celebrating African-American music at the Newark Museum Auditorium. For ticket information call 201-249-2933.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

MONTCLAIR — Popcorn Playhouse series of the Art Council of the Essex Area presents "Straighten Up and Fly Right" a

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performance of African-American folk humor by United States, celebrating the humor and wisdom of the black oral tradition at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Montclair Montessori Academy. For information call 201-744-1717.

MONDAYS JANUARY 11-FEBRUARY 22

BRIDgewater — Of Women Business Owners annual meeting will host "Straight Right," an interactive 15-hour classroom workshop that helps women learn the basics of finance and marketing, how to access capital and develop a business plan at Bergen Com-

munity College. For more info or to enroll call Harriet Nazareno at 908-707-0173.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

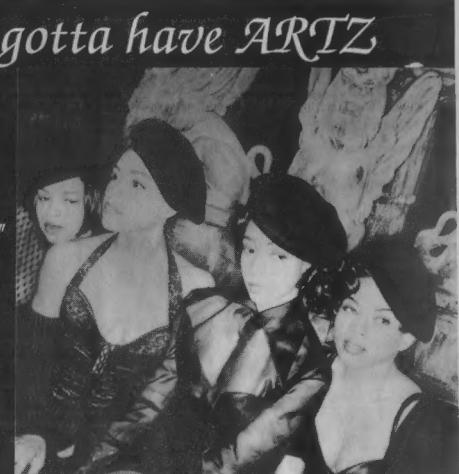
NEWARK — The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present "Puttin' on the Ritz," a tribute to the immortal music of Irving Berlin at Symphony Hall. For ticket information call 201-249-2933.

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In Re: Lloyd Hamilton

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VIN# JF1A1W43B9DC31108

Superior Court, Hudson County Docket No. L-2000-92

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In Re: Ignazio De Santis

vs.

N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles

1989 Eagle, 4DR

VIN# VF1F45H5K208487

Superior Court, Hudson County Docket No. L-8003-92

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CITY BUSINESS

Business Calendar

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

ISELIN—The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants will host an Accounting Career Fair at the Sheraton At Woodbridge Place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info call 201-228-4494, ext. 225.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

BRIDGEWATER—The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce will host a special Breakfast Forum with Malcolm "Steve" Forbes, Jr., president and CEO of Forbes, Inc., from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Bridgewater Manor. Admission is \$30, \$20 for members.

Advice on refund policies for holiday shoppers

NEWARK—One of the busiest days for New Jersey retailers is the day after Christmas. Shoppers return or exchange presents. It can also be one of the most frustrating days for consumers who discover that either the store has a "no refund/no exchange" policy or that the refund deadline has passed.

Consumer Affairs Director Emma Byrne advises holiday shoppers to make sure they know the store's refund policy before making a purchase.

"Many consumers are under the false impression that a store must accept returns or exchanges," said Byrne. "In fact, a store is perfectly within its rights to have a no-refund or a limited refund policy. New Jersey law does not dictate what type of refund policy a store may have. However, whatever the policy is, it must be posted where consumers can see it."

The New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act requires retail stores to post their refund policy on a sign that is either attached to the item itself, affixed to each cash register or point of sale situated in a location clearly visible to the consumer from the cash register, or posted at each public entrance of the store. The sign must state the conditions of the refund, including whether proof of purchase is required, the deadline for receiving a refund and whether the refund will be in cash, credit or store credit.

If a store has a specific refund policy posted, the consumer can assume that unused and undamaged merchandise can be returned within 20 days after purchase for a full refund.

Byrne offers these tips:

• Make sure you know the store's refund policy before you make a purchase.

• If you don't see a return policy, post it to the manager's attention and ask what the policy is.

• If you are buying a present for someone else, keep the receipt and write the refund or return policy on the receipt if it isn't already there.

• If you have a problem returning or exchanging merchandise, first try to resolve the problem with the company. If the problem can't be resolved, contact the consumer affairs office in the county or municipality where the business is located. If there is no local consumer affairs office, contact the state Division of Consumer Affairs at 201-504-6200.

• Be cautious about buying expensive items like jewelry or electronic equipment from street vendors. If you need to return the merchandise, chances are you won't be able to find the vendor again.

Justice may be blind, but she can still smell

By Les Gaines, Esq.

the prosecutor to agree to drop the charge of assault with a shotgun and all parties stood before the judge who looked sternly over the bench and admonished him: "Don't you ever come in here on this kind of charge again! If you do I'll put you under the jail."

Meanwhile, a bank executive, wearing a white button-down shirt, a conservative burgundy tie, navy blue pin-striped suit and highly polished black leather tip-toe shoes, stood there with an air of quiet dignity and listened as the judge continued, tongue-lashing on the young man.

"This court won't tolerate your running around this community firing shotguns at our decent citizens. "The young man nervously interrupted. "But judge, but judge." The judge responded, "don't interrupt me! I am going to dismiss the charges this time, but don't ever come before me again! Now, what is it you want to say?" The young man exclaimed, "I am the one who was shot at. I am the one who is dismissing the charges."

The judge's eyes and nose had been red from crying. You could see the man in the snail-like shell as the defendant and the conservative bank executive as the victim.

If you have to go to court as a defendant, victim or witness dress neat and clean; check your personal hygiene; wash your face; comb your hair; brush your teeth, and by all means, use deodorant. Remember, "Justice may be blind, but she can smell!"

Leslie Isaiyah Gaines is a criminal attorney who recently resumed his column for NPPA. If you have a legal question, write to: Gaines Explanations, 3569 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45229, or call: 513-751-5000.

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Internal Revenue Service tax Q & A for the non-filer

Q. I heard that the IRS is giving amnesty to people who haven't filed a tax return in awhile. Can you tell me about it?

A. The IRS is not offering an amnesty program, but it is encouraging nonfilers to come back into the tax system.

The IRS realizes that people don't file for many reasons, like procrastination or not having the money to pay. IRS will work with those people to help them with their overdue returns and explain the different payment options. They are still expected to file all tax returns and pay any tax and interest that are due.

Q. Why should I file now?

A. For several reasons. Not filing is costing you more than you think. You may be due a refund that you could lose if you don't file within three years. If you owe tax, interest and penalties are still adding up. IRS may waive some penalties if you can show a valid reason for not filing.

Also, if you don't file a tax return and you owe social security tax, you won't have a work history to qualify you for social security benefits when you retire. If nonfilers don't come forward voluntarily, they could face criminal charges.

Q. What if I owe tax, but can't pay it? What are my

payment options?

A. If you can't pay the entire amount, you should file your return and pay what you can. Attach a letter to your return explaining your financial situation. The IRS will work with you to set up a payment plan or offer an afforment to settle the account.

Q. I haven't filed a tax return for the past year or so. How do I know I won't go to jail if I come forward?

A. The IRS has never pressed criminal charges against people who came forward on their own to file a truthful return. It is the people who willfully keep failing to file that will face criminal charges.

Q. What forms do I file? Can I get help filling them out?

A. You can get most of the prior year forms from your local IRS office or by calling 1-800-829-1040. Assistors are available in most IRS offices to answer questions about tax laws and offer help with completing the forms. They can work with you on your particular tax return. You also can get tax help by calling the toll-free number.

You may also get free help from volunteers trained by the IRS in the Prior Year Tax Assistance Program. New Jersey has 13 PYTA sites around the state. For more information, call 1-800-829-1040.

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NJ TRANSIT PUBLIC NOTICE NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), under provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (the "Act"), gives notice of its intent to apply for \$90.1 million in Section 3 Formula Financial Assistance for capital operating and capital acquisition costs, as well as \$95.83 million in Section 3 Fixed Guideline formula grants of \$1.05 million per mile in funding available under Section 18 of the Act. Program funds during Fiscal Year 1993, NJ TRANSIT also gives notice of its intent to apply for \$1.38 million in FY1993 Federal assistance available under Section 16(b)(2) and \$1.16 million under Section 18 for transportation services for senior citizens and disabled persons and for transportation in rural areas.

The Federal funds will be matched with funds provided by the State of New Jersey and counties participating in the Section 18 Program and in accordance with Federal and State guidelines. NJ TRANSIT intends to provide the non-Federal share of Section 3 and Section 6 capital projects through credit for toll revenues and petroleum violation escrow account funds as allowed by Sections 164 and 3029 of the ISTEA. The program is described below.

SECTION 9 FORMULA OPERATING AND CAPITAL PROGRAM (In Millions of Dollars)

PROJECT	LOCAL	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Operating Assistance	263.35	38.01	301.36
Purchase of Associated Capital Maintenance Items (spare parts)			
Purchase of Signs and Shelters	3.10	3.10	
Rail Station Rehabilitation	1.00	1.00	
Hoboken Terminal Design Rehabilitation	12.50	12.50	
Montclair Community Upgrade/Relocation	1.00	1.00	
Newark-Elizabeth Rail Link Design	4.00	4.00	
Purchase of Non-Revenue Vehicles/Equipment	3.29	3.29	
Purchase of MiniBuses/Vans	1.24	1.24	
General Equipment/Design	1.50	1.50	
Purchase of Operation Support Equipment	0.50	0.50	
Environmental Compliance Program	0.76	0.76	
Enhancements to Management Information System	4.40	4.40	
Private Carrier Capital Improvement Program	2.75	2.75	
Planning Studies	2.50	2.50	
Capital Lease Payments	0.50	0.50	
TOTAL	263.35	89.01	352.36

PROPOSED SECTION 3 FORMULA PROGRAM (In Millions of Dollars)

PROJECT	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Rehabilitation of Rail Infrastructure	45.50	45.50
Centralized Train Control on the Northeast Corridor Rail Line	6.37	6.37
Newark-Sainte Claire Upgrade	1.00	1.00
Upgrades of Rolling Stock and Cab Car On-Board Signal Equipment	0.88	0.88
Rolling Stock Overhaul/Replacement	1.00	1.00
Purchase of Maintenance-of-Way Equipment	2.28	2.28
Purchase of Associated Capital Maintenance Items (Spare Parts)	3.00	3.00
TOTAL	59.83	59.83

PROPOSED SECTION 3 DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM (In Millions of Dollars)

PROJECT	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Central Hudson River Waterfront Transit Hubs	17.57	17.57
Belt Ridge Security Improvements	3.25	3.25
Monmouth Ocean Corridor Alternatives Analysis/		
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	2.98	2.98
Construct Atlantic City Bus Maintenance Facility	17.09	17.09
Rehabilitate New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad and Paterson Station	40.17	40.17
TOTAL	81.05	81.05

PROPOSED SECTION 1007 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (In Millions of Dollars)

PROJECT	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Rehabilitation of Hoboken Terminal	1.50	1.50
A. Property Acquisition/Environmental, Economic, and Social Aspects		
Any property acquisition or relocation that may be required will be conducted in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the law and regulatory requirements. As appropriate, the social, economic, environmental and relocation aspects of the project will be investigated and analyzed under applicable laws and regulations. Interested findings may be presented as a future report and further public comment will be solicited. Prior to the implementation of any of the projects and to the extent required, NJ TRANSIT may prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to federal regulations. The availability of this document shall be made known by publication in the same manner as this notice. NJ TRANSIT will adhere to all federal statutes and regulations affecting properties on the National Register of Historic Places.		
B. Comprehensive Planning		
NJ TRANSIT projects are developed in coordination with the following planning organizations: The North Jersey Transportation Coordinating Council (NJTCC), which is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Northern New Jersey urban area; the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), which is the MPO for the Philadelphia metropolitan area; the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), which is the MPO for the Central New Jersey urban area; the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), which is the MPO for the Southern New Jersey urban area; and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ). The MPO's are the forums for local decision-making concerning the proposed projects. The projects will be developed in consultation with local elected officials, interested citizens, and providers of private bus services.		
C. Private Enterprise Participation		
Through the comprehensive planning process administered by the MPO's and ongoing communication with NJ TRANSIT's Office of Capital Administration, NJ TRANSIT will continue to discuss with private carriers their participation in the capital program. In addition, NJ TRANSIT encourages to the maximum extent possible, the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of public transportation in the State of New Jersey.		
D. Elderly and Disabled		
Services to be provided will be consistent with NJ TRANSIT's program of reduced interstate and intrastate rail and bus fares for elderly and disabled persons. Every reasonable effort will be made to plan and design program elements involving facilities generally available to the public with careful consideration of the special needs of elderly and disabled persons.		
E. Public Input		
NJ TRANSIT invites public comments on the above projects and its performance. Written comments and/or requests for a public hearing may be sent to Albert J. Iaia, Senior Director of Corporate Affairs, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246 no later than January 25, 1993. Based on comments received in response to this notice and information made available, NJ TRANSIT may modify the above programs before final submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will make a determination, pursuant to FTA regulations, as to whether a public hearing is in order.		

12/23/92

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Inaugural prayer service

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bers who first informed the pastor of the President's interest. Green, a former assistant secretary of labor, was one of the original "Little Rock Nine" black students who integrated the city's Central High School in the fall of 1957.

"This (Clinton's inaugural service) shows the importance of the Black Church in the Black Community and the recognition of this by Bill Clinton," Green told reporters. Most presidential inaugural prayer services have been held at St. John's church across the street from the White House, except for President Jimmy Carter, who scheduled his ceremony at the city's First Baptist.

The Metropolitan organist and choir are expected to participate in the service, but no specific program is still being arranged. Although the sanctuary seats 2,500 persons, the minister doubts many of his members will be able to attend because of the number of officials, participants, guests and

media req.

The Right Rev. H. Hartford Brookins, presiding bishop of the AME Second Episcopal District headquarters in Washington, is also expected to participate in the ceremony with a special sermon from the church's 14th-century pulpit. Representatives of several other denominations in the U.S. Capitol will be invited to the ceremony. Bishop Brookins was co-chairman of an Inter-denominational Religious Committee's "get-out-the-vote mobilization drive" during the 1992 presidential election campaign.

Although the media expressed surprise at the church site, Reverend DeVeaux noted that since President William Howard Taft dedicated Metropolitan in 1925, nearly every American president (and several African chief executives) have either attended services or spoke at the church, including retiring U.S. President George Bush, who visited as vice-president.

The AME designation of Metropolitan as a "cathedral" suggests not only "the grandeur of the rich bronze-stone edifice, but also the involvement of the congregation over the years in the civic, cultural, economic and social advancement of African Americans," according to the church history. From anti-slavery leadership to voter registration and AIDS education, the church has been in the forefront of purposeful activities for well over 150 years. DeVeaux named Frederick Douglass and Paul Lawrence Dunbar as members.

Like the AME's "Mother" Bethel Church founded in Philadelphia in 1787, Metropolitan began as a result of African-American dissatisfaction with segregated seating arrangements in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dissident groups formed the Israel AME Church in 1821 and the Union Bethel in 1838, which merged to form Metropolitan in 1870. The cornerstone was laid in 1881.

Truths of Sarcoidosis

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The handbook is a compendium of information, covering a multitude of helpful subjects including directories of specialists, self-help groups and government resources.

Besides founding her publishing company, PC Publications of Piscataway, Conroy is also the founder of the National Sarcoidosis Resource Center, an organization designed to provide services for sarcoid patients, and their families.

The Center provides free literature, physicians referrals, and quarterly newsletters. It also promotes and helps to establish self-help groups, networking, and communications. To encourage education and research the Center will also provide reports to physicians, health care professionals, social workers, and government agencies.

The Resource Center has a computer data base for Sarcoidosis, which will enable government and health

officials to acquire various statistical reports. Officials will also be able to learn how many people in the country are afflicted with this disease.

"All the funding for the resource center has come out of my pocket," Conroy said. "I have spent about \$28,000 on the center since 1990. It is really a financially draining endeavor. What started out as something modest two years ago has grown enormously, beyond my financial capability."

In attempt to finance the center, Conroy has instituted annual membership dues of \$25. Donations are accepted if people cannot afford the dues. Also, all proceeds from PC Publications are put toward maintaining the center.

For more information about the National Sarcoidosis Resource Center, or to obtain the Sarcoidosis Resource Guide, write to National Sarcoidosis Resource Center, P.O. Box 1593 Piscataway, NJ. 08855-1593, or call 908-699-0733.

Is violence a health problem?

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violence.

• Family counseling—providing help to the entire family when potential problems are seen in one family member;

• Skills training—teaching individuals, especially young people, the social skills of resolving disputes without recourse to violence.

Of course, the problem of violence is not going to be solved by public health or social service programs alone. Violence arises from frustration and hopelessness, and a whole range of social factors are involved: economics (including poverty, unemployment), discrimination, lack of opportunity, education and cultural examples, including media portrayals.

But public health approaches

can help—if they are handled correctly. That means:

First, we must examine violence comprehensively. Violence is not confined to homicide. It includes child abuse, sexual assault, spousal battering, elder abuse and indeed suicide. We are learning that the perpetrators of violence are often those who were themselves previously the victims of violence. We need to understand violence in its entirety.

Second, we must not let the study or prevention of violence be contaminated by racial stereotypes. Violence is a problem of humanity, not of one race or another.

Third, and most important, we must put communities in the driver's seat of violence prevention. No effort to confront and reduce violence

can have any chance of success unless it is undertaken by the community, supported by the community, and indeed led by the community. The best programs today for preventing violence started not at the federal or state levels, but in cities, towns and neighborhoods.

The federal government can support research and help share ideas. But if violence is to stop, our communities must continue to lead the way.

Dr. Sullivan is U.S. secretary of health and human services.

As I see it...

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problems next year and will need all the help he can get from some of those same people.

The most welcome Christmas gift of all for hundreds of folks in New Jersey was the extension of welfare benefits that would have been cut off in the midst of holiday celebrating.

At least they won't have to face the prospect of looking for jobs that aren't there in the dead of winter. Somehow warm weather disasters don't seem to be as tough to tackle.

It's time for Yuletide greetings to all our friends and faithful readers.

Our wish is that you get everything you wanted to receive but didn't know who to ask; and that your families find this the best Christmas, Kwanzaa and holiday celebrations they ever had.

Next week, our New Year's resolution is for you and yours.

NPCBW submits names

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Other prominent individuals nominated to be Clinton appointees include economists and nationally syndicated columnist Dr. Julianne Malveaux; United Bank of Philadelphia Chief Executive Officer Emma Chappell; National Institutes of Health Director and former National Medical Association President Dr. Vivian Pinn; and NAACP Legal Defense Fund attorney Elaine Jones.

Counted among these nominees are three college presidents: Dr. John E. B. Cole of Drexel College, Dr. Niran Sudarkasa of Lincoln University and Dr. Gloria A. Sasser of Bennett College.

The Commission includes a mandate for policies that impact on the welfare of African-American families.

It has also recommended that there be a Department of Children and Youth to address issues that involve and impact on the health, welfare, development, and socialization of future generations.

"If America is to be a world leader, it must provide its youth with the greatest opportunities to not only survive, but to progress and achieve," said Dr. Tucker, who also serves as Chair of the Democratic National Committee Black Caucus. "The establishment of such a Department, solely dedicated to this mission is imperative."

Addressing the Commission's goal that African-American women will no longer be barred from access to opportunities because "no qualified African-American could be found," Commission Chair Dr. Ramona Edelin made this observation:

"If President-elect Bill Clinton intends to authentically address the problem and needs of America's vastly underutilized populations of color, he will need the help of those strong, highly accomplished and committed African-American women who have, for generations, served this nation as unsung heroes."

"It will not be possible to rebuild our great cities; to develop our families and neighborhoods as diverse, whole environments for human capital enhancement; or to educate and train our young people for the global marketplace of this century and the next without including this extraordinary reservoir of talented, experienced and resourceful women."

The Commission will continue to make recommendations to the Clinton-Gore Transition Team throughout the transition period.

Serving in Commission leadership roles in addition to Dr. Edelin are its co-chairs, National Coalition of 100 Black Women Chair Jewell Jackson McCabe and Fannie Mae Board Member Dr. Gloria E. A. Tootie. Commission members represent nearly 40 Black women's social and civic organizations nationwide.

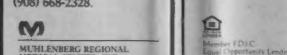
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Jan Johnson heavy on our heels,
Camille does the layout as Nicol edits type,
And Sandra makes sure it's all mailed out right.*

*Everybody knows, an Exacto knife and a pica ruler,
Help to make our job flow a little smoother,
Though quitting time is many hours away,
We'll take a break to say Happy Holidays.*

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